



Nassau Presbyterian Church

January 21, 2021 11:00 AM

LENT I



Gathering

God calls us together to offer praise, acknowledge sin,
and celebrate our adoption as forgiven children.

Prelude

Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness

Johannes Brahms

Call to Worship

Lift up your voice and call out to God.

We cry out, believing that God hears us.

Come together and wait for God.

We come together, trusting that God is still speaking.

Surely God's presence is here with us now.

We wait in hope, for God's steadfast love lifts our hearts.

Come, worship the Lord.

We celebrate the power of God that restores us.

Come, people of God, let us worship God!

Opening Hymn

Lift High the Cross

Red Hymnal 826

Prayer of Confession

**God of mercy,
you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost.**

**We confess that we have strayed from you
and turned aside from your way.**

**We are misled by pride,
for we see ourselves innocent when we are complicit,
and able to go it alone when we need each other.**

**We have spurned love,
neglected justice,
and ignored your truth.**

Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin.

**Return us to paths of righteousness
through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

Silence.

Response

What Wondrous Love Is This
Verse 1

Red Hymnal 215

Assurance of Forgiveness

Isaiah 53: 4–5 (CEB)

It was certainly our sickness that he carried,
and our sufferings that he bore,
but we thought him afflicted,
struck down by God and tormented.
He was pierced because of our rebellions
and crushed because of our crimes.
He bore the punishment that made us whole;
by his wounds we are healed.
Behold, children of God!
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

Words of Welcome

Time with Children

The Great Commandment

Mark 12: 28–34



Proclaiming the Word

We encounter the Word in speech and song
as we interpret and expound scripture.

Prayer for Illumination

God of mercy,
you promised never to break your covenant with us.
Amid all the changing words of our generation,
speak your eternal Word that does not change.
Then may we respond to your gracious promises
with faithful and obedient lives;
through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

First Scripture Lesson

Exodus 3 : 1–12

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Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, “I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.” When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.” Then he said, “Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.” He said further, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, “I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.” But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” He said, “I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.”

Second Scripture Lesson

John 13 : 31–38

NRSV

When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, where are you going?” Jesus answered, “Where I am going, you cannot follow me now; but you will follow afterward.” Peter said to him, “Lord, why can I not follow you now? I will lay down my life for you.” Jesus answered, “Will you lay down your life for me? Very truly, I tell you, before the cock crows, you will have denied me three times.



Thanksgiving

We respond by presenting our offerings, setting the table, lifting prayers, and praising the triune God.

Sermon Hymn

Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song
Verses 1, 3, 4

Red Hymnal 737

Affirmation of Faith

from Romans 8

**We believe there is no condemnation
for those who are in Christ Jesus;
for we know that all things work together for good
for those who love God,
who are called according to God's purpose.
We are convinced that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

Offertory

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

arr. Edward Boatner

Doxology

Lord of All Good
Verse 3

Red Hymnal 711

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer



Sending

We follow the Word into the world, sent forth with God's blessing to lives of service and love.

Benediction

Postlude

Basse et Dessus de Trompette

Louis-Nicolas Clérambault

Preacher

David A. Davis

Liturgists

Roz Anderson Flood

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Len Scales

Musicians

George Somerville, soloist

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Sound Engineer

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Tending the Flock

Deaths—

Joan Hampel Hoedemaker, mother of Robert
Hoedemaker, Jr., mother-in-law of Caroline and
grandmother of Madeline and Grace on January 2, 2021
in Montgomery, New Jersey

Jacob Peter Verghese, brother of Rachel George on
February 10, 2021 in Irvine, California

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